Maine Revised Statutes

Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

Chapter 89: PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS

§8103. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [1981, c. 126, §2 (NEW).]

1. Commissioner.

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[ 2011, c. 366, §8 (RP) .]
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1-A. **Board.** "Board" means the Board of Licensure of Professional Investigators under section 8103-A, as established under Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 29-D.

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[ 2011, c. 366, §9 (NEW) .]
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1-B. Chief. "Chief" means the Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee.

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[ 2011, c. 366, §10 (NEW) .]
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1-C. Computer forensics. "Computer forensics" means the use of digital forensic science that involves the examination of digital media to identify, preserve, recover and analyze information related to legal matters.

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[ 2011, c. 366, §11 (NEW) .]
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2. **Investigative assistant.** "Investigative assistant" means a person who acts as a professional investigator under the supervision of a licensed professional investigator in accordance with this chapter.

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[ 2011, c. 366, §12 (AMD) .]
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3. Licensee. "Licensee" means any person licensed under this chapter as a professional investigator or investigative assistant.

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[ 2011, c. 366, §13 (AMD) .]
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4. Person. "Person" means any natural person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, government agency or subdivision, or any employee or agent thereof.

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[ 1981, c. 126, §2 (NEW) .]
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- **4-A. Private investigation.** "Private investigation" means for any consideration whatsoever, to agree to obtain, or to in fact obtain information with reference to any of the following:
 - A. A crime or other act committed or threatened against the laws or government of the United States, any state or territory or any political subdivision of a state or territory; [2011, c. 366, §14 (NEW).]
 - B. The identity, habits, conduct, movements, whereabouts, affiliations, associations, transactions, reputation or character of any person; [2011, c. 366, §14 (NEW).]
 - C. The cause of or responsibility for libels, fires, losses, accidents or damage or injury to persons or property; [2011, c. 366, §14 (NEW).]

- D. The location, disposition or recovery of lost or stolen property; [2011, c. 366, $\S14$ (NEW).]
- E. Evidence to be used before a court, board, officer or investigative committee, including evidence derived through computer forensics; or [2011, c. 366, §14 (NEW).]
- F. The detection of surreptitiously installed devices designed for eavesdropping or observation, or both, for video and audio devices. [2011, c. 366, §14 (NEW).]

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[ 2011, c. 366, §14 (NEW) .]
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5. Professional investigator. "Professional investigator" means any person who engages in or solicits business or accepts employment to conduct private investigations.

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A. [2011, c. 366, §15 (RP).]
B. [2011, c. 366, §15 (RP).]
C. [2011, c. 366, §15 (RP).]
D. [2011, c. 366, §15 (RP).]
E. [2011, c. 366, §15 (RP).]
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